

vastly over-balances the good features.

Let us keep the best public library, park and boulevard system in the world by voting "No" on the above-stated little ballot.—E. A. Potter.

**WM. THURSTON BROWN FOR WILSON.**—The writer of this letter has supported the Socialist party since 1900, my last vote being cast for Rodriguez last April. But in this election I should certainly vote for Mr. Wilson if my recent removal from Chicago had not made me lose my vote. And I should vote for Mr. Wilson because of my devotion to exactly the purposes which brought the Socialist movement into existence.

It seems to me that the working people of this county cannot better serve themselves or their cause by a vote than by re-electing Mr. Wilson. The election of Mr. Hughes would mean reaction, would mean electing bitter struggle, rigid capitalist domination and a warfare with little hope in it for the workers. The election of Mr. Wilson means placing in the presidency, or rather continuing in the presidency, a man whose mind is more sympathetic to the workers in their struggle than that of any president since Lincoln. Mr. Wilson may not see the problem of the workers as the workers see it, but he has shown himself more capable of learning than any president within my memory.

The soulless exploiters of labor in this country to a man are behind Hughes and against Wilson. But the men and women of deep sincerity and devotion of social vision and warm sympathy, like Jane Addams, Thomas A. Edison, Ella Flagg Young, Prof. John Dewey, Lillian Wald, Amos Pinchot, Helen Keller, Luther Burbank, Ida Tarbell, Stephen S. Wise and Frank Walsh and many more of the same sort, are earnestly supporting Mr. Wilson.

To my mind Mr. Wilson's course

as president, taken as a whole, marks a new era in America political life. He has given the office of president a value to the mass of the people which it never had before in this country. It is easy to criticize any man in public office — it would be easy to criticize a Socialist president. But Mr. Wilson's attitude toward the Mexican revolution is absolutely unprecedented in the history of this government—perhaps in all modern democracy.

Mr. Wilson cannot and will not give us Socialism—neither can any other president. But his election would be a victory for all forward looking men and women in the nation—a victory of far-reaching importance.—Wm. Thurston Brown.

**OUR PROSPERITY.**—A few days ago I read in your paper Mr. Ford's comments on President Wilson, in which he also mentioned the so much lauded prosperity of our country. There is nothing in the world which would make me feel more embarrassed than to have someone make me believe in something which is far from being in our possession. It is easy for people in Ford's standing to say that we are prosperous.

But how about the people and workingmen in general? Do they share anything out of this prosperity, or do they at least understand it? No affirmative answer could be given, and all that could be said in its favor is that they are the ones who pay for it, and as time goes on they more and more begin to feel the tightening claw of Wall street prosperity.

The prices on foodstuffs of use in every home have been highly raised and the workingmen are forced to pay prices which their small wages can hardly accommodate. But still they call it prosperity.

It is claimed that the high price on foodstuffs is caused on account of the war. Is there any reason why the wages of the workingmen have not been raised to enable them to